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RMR THIS IS FIRST OF SERIES MESSAGES WHICH WILL BE TRANSMITTED  
PERIODICALLY SUMMARIZING INFORMATION AND REACTION IN GREECE  
TO CUBAN SITUATION. MESSAGES IN THIS SERIES COORDINATE INFOR-  
MATION AND APPRAISAL FROM ALL SECTIONS OF MISSION, INCLUDING  
SERVICE ATTACHES CAS AND USIS.

PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS AT LUNCH WITH AMBASSADOR OCTOBER  
23 GAVE CATEGORICAL ASSURANCES OF FULL GOG SUPPORT FOR ACTIONS  
RE CUBA SET FORTH IN PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS. PRIME MINISTER  
SAID INSTRUCTIONS TO THIS EFFECT ALREADY SENT TO GREEK PERM-  
ANENT REPRESENTATIVE PARIS AND US COULD COUNT ON GOG SUPPORT  
IN UN AS WELL. CARAMANLIS STATED!

SERVICE ATTACHES INFORMED THAT GREEK GENERAL STAFFS RECEIVED  
ADVANCE INFORMATION OF IMPORTANT POLICY STATEMENT ON CUBA TO  
BE MADE BY PRESIDENT KENNEDY. CHIEFS OF STAFF STAYED UP TO

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HEAR PRESIDENT'S SPEECH AND EARLY MORNING OF OCTOBER 23 HELD  
MEETING TO DECIDE ON PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES. ]

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NON-GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC REACTION TO PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS HAS  
NOT CRYSTALLIZED AS YET. ENTIRE GREEK PRESS PLAYS CUBA AS  
NUMBER ONE STORY BUT THUS FAR THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE SIGN-  
IFICANT EDITORIAL REACTION. PRO-GOVERNMENT VRACYN OCTOBER  
23 ASSERTS "GREEK PUBLIC OPINION FULLY APPLAUDS AMERICAN  
ACTIONS FOR IT BELIEVES THAT COMMUNISTS RECOGNIZE ONLY POWER.  
CENTER OPPOSITION ETHNOS SAME DAY POINTS TO DANGERS INHERENT IN  
PRESENT SITUATION AND ANTICIPATES "RADICAL" SOVIET REACTION TO  
PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS WITH UNFORESEEABLE CONSEQUENCES FOR WORLD  
PEACE. COMMUNIST AVGHI FAILS TO COMMENT EDITORIALLY BUT  
RUNS STORY UNDER SCREAMING HEADLINES ASSERTING "GANGSTER  
ACTION (BY US) DRIVING MANKIND TO BRINK OF NUCLEAR WAR."

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